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## *Measured Progress and Smarter Balanced Work to Address Delays in Smarter Balanced Testing*

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Measured Progress has contracts with Montana, Nevada, and North Dakota to implement the test delivery platform provided by Smarter Balanced and developed by a Smarter Balanced vendor. We began deploying tests several weeks ago to our three client states, and thousands of students have successfully completed testing. However, students have recently experienced delays in accessing the testing platform, interrupting the testing process. We are working directly with Smarter Balanced and our clients to address the issues.

Measured Progress increased server capacity well beyond the specifications provided by Smarter Balanced and its platform vendor. However, even with the increased number of servers, the platform does not support the number of students currently accessing the system.

Measured Progress has supported the goals of both Smarter Balanced and the Partnership for Assessment of College and Career Readiness since these consortia were established. We are proud to support the full intent of the Smarter Balanced program by deploying its open-source platform, and we are the only vendor to do so.

We're working around the clock to deliver the Smarter Balanced assessments. Our priority is to work with our clients to create solutions and to minimize the impact of these delays on students and educators.

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### **ABOUT MEASURED PROGRESS**

Measured Progress, a not-for-profit organization, is a pioneer in authentic, standards-based assessments. Since 1983, we have successfully partnered with more than 30 states and hundreds of districts across the nation to support their assessment programs. Today, we develop 21<sup>st</sup> century assessments for classrooms, districts, states, and consortia. We are proud to be the nation's leading provider of alternate assessments for students with cognitive disabilities.

Measured Progress connects the K–12 educational community with innovative and flexible assessment solutions. Our goal is to provide meaningful information about student progress to improve teaching and learning. It's all about student learning. Period.